

Remarks

Claims 5, 11, 12, 15, 44 and 46 remain pending. No amendment have been made to the claims by way of the present amendment. The specification has been amended to the recitation of Fig. 1 to now recite Fig 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G, 1H and 1I. This amendment was necessary to parallel the designation of Figure 1 as submitted with the formal drawings. Certain inadvertent typographical errors have also been corrected in the specification.. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. Additionally, no new issues are raised by way of the present amendments, which would require additional search and/or consideration on the part of the Examiner.

Entry of the present amendments is therefore respectfully solicited.

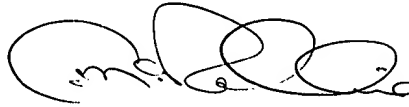
If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No. 42,874 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for

any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or  
under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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